

In this increasingly polarized election (and indeed increasingly polarized nation) the proposed broadcast of "Stolen Honor" by the Sinclair television stations shortly before the election is a profoundly disturbing development. The media are already exerting too great an influence in terms of encouraging ideological positions, and this new attempt is a further assault on civil discourse. The FCC needs to prevent Sinclair stations from preempting regular programming for this propaganda or at least insist that some alternative viewpoint, like the pro-Kerry program "Going Upriver," be aired immediately after. The airwaves belong to the public, not to Sinclair, and the public good needs to be protected from such ideological abuse.

Thank you,
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